

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 773

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Betty Murphy on being honored as Hillcrest Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Betty Murphy is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy has recently been selected as the Hillcrest Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for twenty years; she is a certified reading specialist with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Master of Education from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, prior to her exemplary tenure at Hillcrest Elementary, Betty Murphy taught at the former Southern Heights School and in both Harlan and Jefferson County schools in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a member of local, state, and national education associations, Ms. Murphy has served capably as a faculty representative for several years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her stellar service to the children of Hillcrest Elementary School as an educator, Betty Murphy serves on the school improvement plan as grade level chairperson and as a mentor teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy extends her considerable skills and talents to her greater community, volunteering with the school's basketball program, helping with Vacation Bible School, serving as a former Sunday school teacher, and assisting the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Betty Murphy is deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Betty Murphy truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Betty Murphy on being chosen as the Hillcrest Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Hamblen County, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.